

**Bellevue Parks & Community Services  
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**DECEMBER 2015**

- Nov 28 – Jan 2      Garden d’Lights**, 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., every evening including holidays (last entry at 9 p.m.)  
*Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden d’Lights event will be bigger and better than ever. We are bringing back some long-time favorites such as the perennial border on the lawn, the aquarium in the Shorts House window, salmon swimming upstream and rhododendron blooms in shrubs. Come see your old favorites and find the new critters and flower displays! Also new this year is a ticket booth to make entry into the event easier than ever. **Cost:** \$5/person; children 10 and under are free and do not need a ticket. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the event. **To buy tickets ahead of time and for driving, parking and general information:** <http://www.gardendlights.org/>
- Dec 2-5      Hilltop Holiday Craft Show**,  
December 2-4, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and December 5, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Lift your holiday spirit! Come and enjoy a delightful, unique, whimsical craft show featuring thousands of hand-crafted items from over 65 selected Northwest crafters. This show features one-of-a-kind products including: holiday ornaments, decorations, pottery, jewelry, wood and knit items, and more. **Cost:** Admission and parking are free; craft items vary in price. **Info:** 425-452-4106, or email [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) . **Crafter application/information:** [hilltop.crafts@frontier.com](mailto:hilltop.crafts@frontier.com) or [www.Bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com](http://www.Bellevuehilltopholidaycraftshow.com) .
- Dec 2      Farm Hands – Happy Holidays to All**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Farm Hands is designed for school-aged kids with early release Wednesdays. Blend a touch of work and a dash of play, and mix together for a fun afternoon with Farmer Jayne. We’ll learn about our animals, make treats and work in the farm yard. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-7688, course #90771. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 3      Christmas Ship Festival**, 8:55 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.  
*Newcastle Beach Park, 4400 Lake Washington Blvd SE*  
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir’s performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Dec 4**      **Time to Hibernate (Story Time Program)**, two sessions - choose one:  
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
During the cold winter months, many animals take a very long nap called “hibernation.” Find out what animals get very sleepy in winter! We always make a fun craft to take home! **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6885, course 96222 or 96504.  
**Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 4-13**      **“An Elf’s Tale” (Bellevue Youth Theatre Production)**,  
December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7 p.m.; December 6, 12, and 13 at 2 p.m.  
*Bellevue Youth Theatre-Crossroads, 16051 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
The number of kids on Santa’s Naughty List grows every year, and no Elf wants the job of giving out coal. Zippity is different from all the other Elves at the North Pole, but does he have what it takes to save Christmas and get rid of the Naughty List for good? “An Elf’s Tale” is an original musical filled with holiday spirit that will be fun for the whole family! All seats are reserved. **Ages:** This show is suitable for audiences of all ages. **Cost:** \$10. All seats are reserved. Prices go up to \$12 if purchased after November 27. Group rates and a military discount are available. **Info and to buy tickets:** 425-452-7155.
- Dec 4**      **Holiday Ball**, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
*Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*  
Come celebrate the winter holidays with friends. This is a chance to dress up in your formal attire, or dress in your most comfortable clothes. A full meal and dessert will be served at this dance, so come hungry! This event is for teens and adults living with intellectual disabilities. **Ages:** 16 years and older. **Cost:** \$9/resident and \$11/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Preferred. **Info and to register:** 425-452-7686.
- Dec 5**      **Holiday Wreath Decorating**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Join us for this class on holiday wreath decorating with Jodi Burkland from Molbaks! Jodi will provide wreaths of fresh greens, and you will have several themes to choose from to complement your home’s style and colors. Jodi will teach you how to make a bow and what to add to a wreath to create an eye-catching holiday decoration. She will also provide some tips on how to spruce up your garden planters with holiday decorations. Space is limited – sign up early! Price includes all supplies. You will leave with your decorated wreath! **Cost:** \$50 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$60 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required; space is limited to 25 participants for each class.  
**Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Dec5> .

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- Dec 6**      **“Animal Homes” (Nature Film)**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Come investigate how animals build their amazing homes and the intriguing behaviors and social interactions that take place in and around them. Running time is 60 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 8**      **Tuesday Sound of Swing Dance**, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
The “Sound of Swing” will perform for your dancing pleasure. **Ages:** 18 years and older. **Cost:** \$3 per person, payable at the door. **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-7681.
- Dec 11**      **Gifts from Nature**, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Get ready for the holiday gift-giving season by exploring the possibilities of gifts found right outside in your own backyard! Join us for story time and crafts, where we will make a fun gift from nature that your child can bring home and give to someone special. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Dec 11**      **Hibernation Pajama Party**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Come learn about animals that hibernate, as well as other ways of surviving the winter. Make sure to bring your PJ’s and a blanket or pillow as we settle in for the winter! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6885, course 96261. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 12**      **Lakemont Highlands Open Spaces Hike**, 10 a.m. - noon  
*Meeting place: Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Explore the lesser-known trails of South Bellevue. Parks and open spaces guide you (and wildlife!) through friendly neighborhoods. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Arduous (350 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 3.5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Dec 13**      **Which Pass, to Which Park?**, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
If you are having trouble figuring out which pass you need to which park, you are not alone. Come learn the difference between Federal and State managed land, and which is the best pass for you this hiking season. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Dec 16**      **Animal Enrichment – Happy Holidays**, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
This program is for 5-10 year-olds on early release Wednesdays. Help Farmer Jayne create opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think and which activities animals need to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. **Ages:** 5 to 10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688 to register for course 90784. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Dec 22**      **School's Out Adventure Field Trip**, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
*Meet at Highland Community Center, 14224 Bel-Red Road*  
When school's out for holidays, come on a full-day adventure with us! We will be heading out for an action-packed day of hiking and rock climbing. We will check out nearby trails in the morning, then head to a local rock-climbing gym and climb new routes all afternoon. Please pack lunch, snacks, water, and dress for the weather. Trips are planned on Bellevue School District holidays and will leave from Highland Community Center. **Ages:** 10-14 years old. **Cost:** \$45. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6885, course 95966. **Info:** [csabochik@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:csabochik@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6883.
- Dec 22**      **Christmas Ship Festival**, 9:05 p.m. – 9:25 p.m.  
*Meydenbauer Beach Park, 419 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*  
Join us on shore to welcome the Christmas Ship Festival presented by Argosy Cruises. Come with family and friends to gather together to marvel at the parade of boats as they come by the beach. You can join the caroling or just enjoy the onboard choir's performance. All this, and a beach fire to keep you warm! **Ages:** All ages welcome; family event. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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**JANUARY 2016**

- Jan 4-10**      **SBCC 10-Year Anniversary Celebration,**  
*South Bellevue Community Center, 15409 SE Newport Way*  
Enjoy a week-long schedule of free fitness and general recreation classes as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. Free giveaways and drawings will add to the fun! **Ages:** All ages – specific ages depending upon the class. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** [sbcc@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:sbcc@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4240.
- Jan 8**            **Winter Wonderland Adaptations, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.**  
*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*  
As winter brings snow to the mountains of the Northwest, animals like the Snowshoe Hare have amazing features to keep them safe in the changing environment. Come learn how some animals have certain adaptations that help them weather through the cold months of the year. We encourage families to attend; please register with your child. **Ages:** All ages are welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$2 suggested donation at the door. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6993, course 96155. **Info:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 8**            **Winter Wonderland (Story Time Program), two sessions - choose one:**  
11 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
What do the wolves of winter find? Come follow Gray Wolf by the light of the full moon on his journey through a winter wonderland! We always make a fun craft to take home. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** \$2/resident and \$3/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6885, course 103217 or 103218. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 9**            **Coal Creek Park Hike, 10 a.m. - noon**  
*Meeting place: Coal Creek East Trailhead (Newcastle Golf Club Road, just west of Redtown Trailhead)*  
Discover Bellevue's largest park and get lost in the wilderness while still in the city! This area is rich in history and wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Level of difficulty:** Moderate (100 feet elevation change). **Distance:** 5 miles. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.

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- Jan 13**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Rockin’ with the Rabbits,** 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99004. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Jan 15**      **Winter Woof Walk,** 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE (Meet at the kiosk in the lower parking lot)*  
Join a Park Ranger and discover fascinating ecological facts about Bellevue City Parks. Bring your dog(s) and learn how you can enjoy your parks with your furry friends. Please dress for the weather. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet. **Ages:** All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6993, course 102251. **Info:** [ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:ParkRangerProgram@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-6993.
- Jan 16**      **Sketch Your Garden with Watercolor, Pen, Ink and Pencil,** 10 a.m. – noon  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Come and learn to celebrate each of the seasons in your garden using fun techniques. This class, taught by Molly Hashimoto, is perfect for beginners as well as artists of all abilities. All supplies are included; students are encouraged to bring extra paper. **Cost:** \$30 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$40 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.  
**Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan16>
- Jan 16**      **Meet the Habitats of Lewis Creek: Fantastic Forests,** 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
What kind of wildlife lives in the forest? How can you use clues like leaves, flowers, and bark to solve the tree mystery at Lewis Creek? Come discover the forest habitat as the first program of this three-part series. **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 17**      **“Wild Kratts: Whale of a Squid” (Children’s Movie),** 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Join the adventures of the Kratt brothers as they meet up with cool creatures from around the world. Each episode is an adventure that also features how animals use science in their natural lives. Running time is 30 minutes. **Ages:** 3 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.



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- Jan 20**      **Bodacious Borders: The Art of Making Plant Combinations**, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This lecture is presented by Lucy Hardiman, a nationally-recognized garden designer, writer, teacher, and speaker as well as the owner and principal of the award-winning Perennial Partners, a collaborative garden design group in Portland, OR. **Cost:** \$5 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$15 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Not required. Pay at the door; space is first-come, first-served.  
**Info:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan20>
- Jan 22**      **Owl Prowl**, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Discover what owl species live in the Pacific Northwest. Then take a night hike with a Ranger to listen for owls and other nocturnal wildlife in the park. Bring a flashlight or headlamp, as well as good shoes, for the journey! **Ages:** 5 years and older. **Cost:** \$5/resident and \$6/non-resident. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** [www.MyParksandRecreation.com](http://www.MyParksandRecreation.com) or 425-452-6885, course 103253. **Info:** 425-452-4195.
- Jan 23**      **Starting Vegetable Seeds Indoors**, 10 a.m.  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Presented in partnership with Seattle Tilth. Get a head start on spring and summer by starting your garden indoors now. Save money, grow varieties of plants you can't find in stores, and become more self-sufficient by growing your own plant starts. Our instructor will show you how to grow your veggie garden from seeds, how to find the right supplies, and how to transplant your plant starts into your garden come spring. Topics include setting up your own indoor growing space, caring for your seedlings, and getting plants ready to move outside. Be prepared to get your hands dirty! Limited to 25 participants. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required.  
**Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html#Jan23>
- Jan 23**      **Let's Rock & Roll**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Let's brighten the dark winter days creating art to cheer up our spaces and places. We'll make yummys to warm your tummies, and raise your voice by singing songs to move and groove! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #103357. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.

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- Jan 23**      **Bellevue Aquatic Center Employment/Volunteer Open House,**  
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
*Bellevue Aquatic Center, 601 143<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE*  
Come to this open house to gather information regarding employment and volunteer opportunities at the Bellevue Aquatic Center. **Ages:** 13 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** Scott Armstrong – [sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:sarmstrong@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2806.
- Jan 24**      **Northwest Perennial Alliance Lecture, noon – 2 p.m.**  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
This lecture is “The Good, the Bad, and Why Bother?” with George Lasch. Doors open at noon for Hellebore plant sale and refreshments. Lecture begins at 1 p.m. **Cost:** Free for NPA members; \$15 for non-NPA members. **Pre-registration:** Required.  
**Info and to register:** <http://www.northwestperennialalliance.org/index.php>
- Jan 27**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Wooly Ewe,**  
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it’s important for animals to stay busy. Let’s make our farm animals’ habitats rewarding and fun. We’ll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99001. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Jan 30**      **Amphibians Among Us, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**  
*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*  
Did you know that the Pacific Tree Frog is the Washington State Amphibian? There are many species of amphibians in Washington, in all shapes and sizes. Learn about frogs, salamanders, newts and toads, the adaptations that help them thrive and the dangers that they are facing. **Ages:** 12 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** 425-452-4195.



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- Feb 6**      **Funny Little Valentine**, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
*Northwest Arts Center, 9825 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street*  
Make a special gift for your special pal to take home. We'll sing songs, do a little dance, and complete the morning decorating a sweet Valentine treat. Come join the fun! This is a child and caregiver class. **Ages:** 2 to 5 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. Each additional family member - \$5/residents and \$6/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** 425-452-4106, course #102132. **Info:** [NWAC@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:NWAC@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-4106.
- Feb 10**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Valentine's Day**,  
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99005. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 24**      **Kelsey Creek Farm Early Release Wednesday – Pony Pleasures**,  
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*  
Help create enrichment opportunities to actively engage and entertain our farm animals. Learn how they think, how each animal needs different activities based on its instincts, and why it's important for animals to stay busy. Let's make our farm animals' habitats rewarding and fun. We'll work in the farm yard and do art/craft activities too. **Ages:** 5-10 years old. **Cost:** \$25/residents and \$30/non-residents. **Pre-registration:** Required. **To register:** Call 425-452-7688, course 99002. **Info:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.
- Feb 25**      **Grow Fruit in Small Spaces**, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*  
Do you think you need an orchard or a big backyard to grow fruit? This class, taught by Seattle Tilth, will show you how to utilize small spaces to grow tasty berries and fruits on bushes, vines and trees. Topics include special techniques for gardening in small spaces, using containers to grow fruits, selecting plants and varieties, and ongoing fruit tree care. Leave with the knowledge you need to incorporate delicious fruits into your landscape so you can enjoy sweet rewards with limited effort. **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html> .

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**Feb 27**

**Rain Garden Basics, 10 a.m. - noon**

*The Aaron Education Center at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main Street*

How would you like to garden, beautify your property and help protect local waterways at the same time? Lisa Haglund will teach you how rain gardens capture, hold, and filter stormwater and wastewater runoff, and if your site is suitable for a rain garden. Basics will include where to site a rain garden, needed components, suggested plants and care, and construction planning. Alternatives to rain gardens such as rain barrels and permeable paving will also be discussed. Class will include a visit to our rain garden on site at the Bellevue Botanical Garden for inspiration! **Cost:** \$25 for Bellevue Botanical Garden Society members; \$35 for non-BBGS members. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** <http://www.bellevuebotanical.org/classes.html> .

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**Daily, times vary**

**Kids on the Farm**

*Kelsey Creek Farm Park, 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*

Meet the farm animals and learn interesting animal facts. Experience the old-fashioned skill of wool carding while creating a woolly sheep to take home. These tours are for preschool and school groups. Tours are available weekdays and are approximately one hour in length. **Ages:** 2 years and older. **Cost:** \$85 for 15 or fewer people (children and adults). Additional attendees are \$5.50 per child and \$2.50 per adult. **Pre-registration:** Required. **Info and to register:** [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-7688.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**

**NWRSA Area 2060 Greater Sammamish Hand Spinners**, Noon - 2 p.m.

*Kelsey Creek Community Farm Park (Farm House), 410 130<sup>th</sup> Place SE*

Visitors invited to drop in and watch as spinners demonstrate the traditional art of hand spinning as they turn fuzzy fiber into yarn. New spinners welcome! **Register:** not required. All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Info:** 425-452-7688 or e-mail [kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:kelseycreekfarm@bellevuewa.gov).

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month**

**Reading with Rover**

*Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street*

Dogs help kids learn to read. Reading with Rover dogs will be at the Crossroads Community Center to listen to children read to them. This free program inspires children to discover the joy of reading while developing literacy skills and confidence in a fun, safe environment using trained therapy dogs. **Ages:** 6 years and older. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required. **Info:** <http://www.readingwithrover.org/> or call Judi Hagen, 425-452-4874.

**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month**

**Bellevue Youth Court**, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Council Chambers*

Monthly session of Bellevue Youth Court with two juvenile court cases. **Info:** 425-452-2846 or [hstephens@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:hstephens@bellevuewa.gov).

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Youth Link 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Community Leadership Awards Event Planning Meeting**, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

Assist in planning our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration scheduled for May 2015, and help set the theme, program and marketing of the youth recognition event. Students will help plan and will gain experience in planning the community event from concept to delivery. **Info:** Youth Link: 425-452-5254 or [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov). Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule.

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**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Bellevue Youth Council Meeting**, 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

Youth leadership and community service program for Bellevue middle and high school students.

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**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month**

**Action Team Meetings**, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Participate in planning community special events, community service projects, and other youth leadership activities. Action Teams and planning committees include Youth Link Marketing, Kids Care Coat Drive, Youth Involvement Conference, Community Leadership Awards, We Day, Youth Link University, Crossroads Homework Help, and Youth Link Robotics. **Info:** call Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or email [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) . Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule info.

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month**

**Bellevue Network on Aging Meeting**, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Room 1E-120*

**Info:** 425-452-7681 or visit [www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm).

**Every Thursday**

**Kids Care Coat Drive Planning Committee**, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-120, 450 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Help plan an annual city-wide coat drive for families in Bellevue. **Info:** Youth Link at 425-452-5254 or [palina@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:palina@bellevuewa.gov) . Visit [www.youthlink.com](http://www.youthlink.com) for program and updated schedule info.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month**

**Lewis Creek Ranger Walk**, 10:30 a.m. - noon.

*Lewis Creek Park Visitor Center, 5808 Lakemont Blvd SE*

Join a Ranger to explore the natural history of Lewis Creek Park. Look for signs of local wildlife, and learn what to do when encountering animals in the wild. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** Not required.

**Info:** 425-452-4195.

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#### **Every Saturday**

##### **Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station, 15416 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street*

Do you know the story behind the Phantom at Phantom Lake? Have you ever seen our feathered migratory visitors? Can you spot a nurse log? Join a Park Ranger for a free guided tour of the Greenbelt. Discover the history of the park, view community gardens, and share stories about our local wildlife. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration** is not required.

**Info:** 425-452-7225.

#### **Every Saturday**

##### **Mercer Slough Nature Walk, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, 1625 118<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE*

At 320 acres, Mercer Slough Nature Park is Lake Washington's largest wetland and Bellevue's second largest park! Meet a Park Ranger at the Environmental Education Center for a free guided tour to learn about the fascinating flora, fauna and history of the park. Please dress for weather. **Ages:** All ages welcome. **Cost:** Free! **Pre-registration:** not required. **Info:**

[mseec@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mseec@bellevuewa.gov) or 425-452-2565.

#### **Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday**

##### **Luncheon, Noon**

*North Bellevue Community Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE*

Adults 60 and older can enjoy a delicious, hot lunch. **Suggested donation:** \$3 for those 60 and older; fee of \$5.95 for those under 60. Lunches sponsored and prepared by Catholic Community Services staff and Center volunteers. Special events such as Thanksgiving and Holiday lunches.

**Info/Pre-register:** 425-452-7681.